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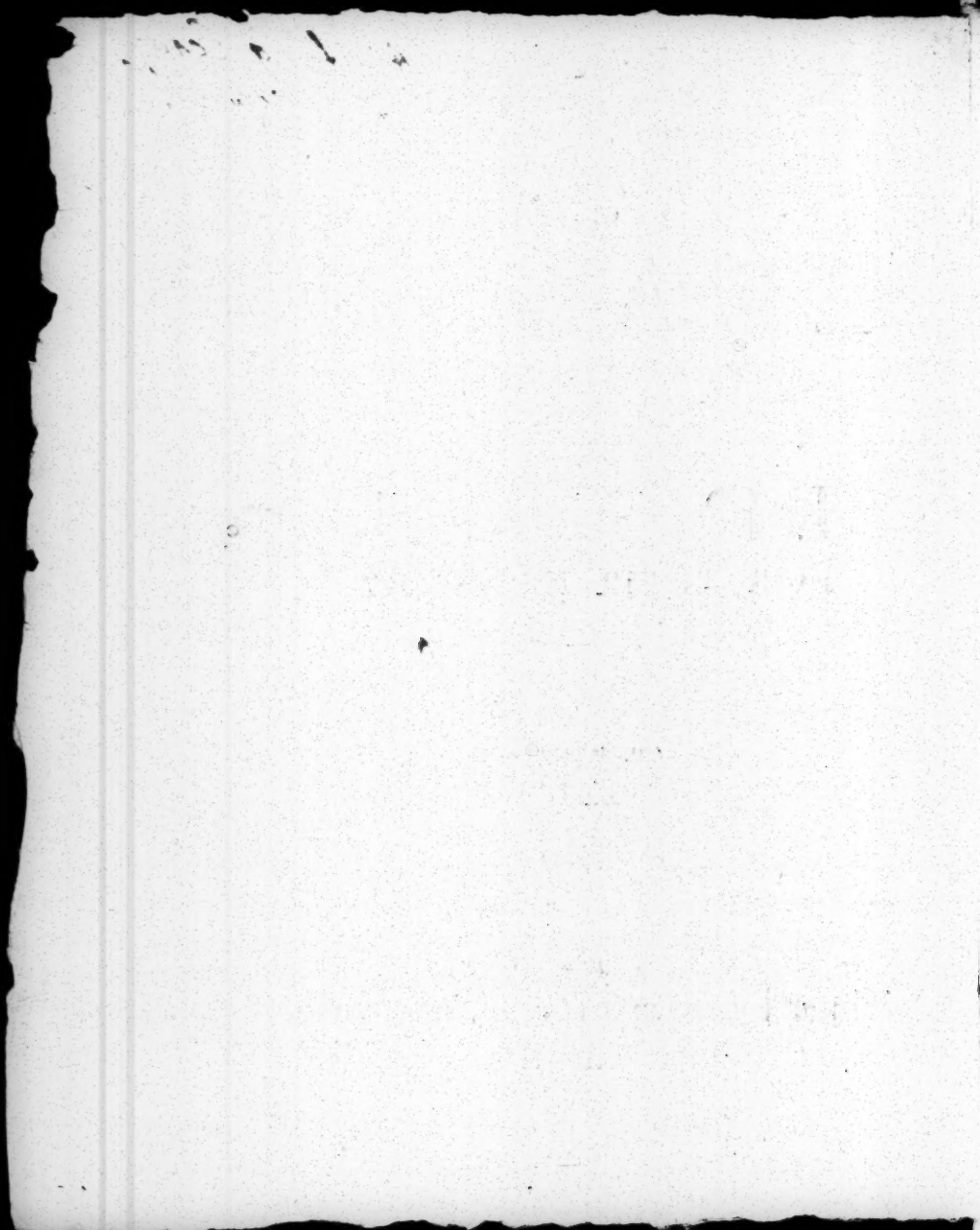
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THe Estates of Parliament having considered the dangerous posture of affaires in this Kingdome, both in respect of intestine and forraigne enemies, And although it hes pleased God, to breake the power of malignants in this Kingdome, Yet knowing that they will be uncessant in their designs and attempts in laying hold of all opportunities to involve this Kingdome in new troubles, And withall, having received severall intelligences of imminent dangers to the cause and this Nation from abroad by approaching of an armie of Sectaries towards this Kingdom. And being obliged in discharge of the trust Committed to them to take care of the safetie of the Nation, As they resolve for themselves to use all lawfull means and peaceable wayes to prevent the dangers, so they have thought fit to give warning to the severall shires and burghs, That according to the law of God, nature and nations, and according to the duties which they by so many sacred bonds owe to the Covenant and cause, to the King and Kingdom, they might be in a condition and posture for defending all those and whatsoever is neer and dear to them against all invasion. Likeas for the stopping of the mouth of Calumnie removing all scrouples and mistakes, and clearing to the consciences of all the lawfulnessse, necessitie and justice of
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their resolutions & proceedings, & that they may have the greater assurance of Gods blessing and presence to all their indevores, The Estates of Parliament declare and assure that they injoyne the following levy of horse and foot for this end allanerlie of meer, iust and necessary defence of this Kingdom from invasion, without any designe or intention of invading, any who shal not first invade this Kingdome; And therefore the saide Estates of Parliament doe hereby ordain the whole shayres and burghes within this Kingdome presently to raise and have in readinesse the whole number of horse, men, and armes, and the foot appointed to be levied by the act of Parliament of the 6 day of *August*. 1649. Together with what was not put forth of the third part of the horse & fourth part of the foot, conform to the act of levie of the 28. day of *Febr*. 1649. And siclike the hail Burrows of this Kingdom to raise & have in readines the proportion of horse according to the said act of the 28, of *February* 1649. So far as alreadie is not put forth by them; Or in their option three Foot for every horse & man, & then according to the Act 6. of *August*. 1649. For the present levie; all which are set down in the list hereunto subjoynd. And ordaines the forces foresaid To be brought to. Rande-voweses against such dayes as are designed by the Parliament by a particular Act of the date of thir presents herewith sent, and that at such a convenient place within the Shire as the Committee of war, with advise of the officers shal think fit, And appoints them at that time and place to be inrolled and listed under their respective officers, And either to march if they shal receive orders, or to returne to remain with their out-putters in case they receive not orders from the Parliament or their Com.

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Committee, Providing always, that it is not hereby to be understood that the Committee of Estates shall have any power to give orders to the said forces for bringing them forth of the shires for any other ends then for the just and necessarie defence of this Kingdome from invasion as is exprest in the narrative of this Act. And the saids Estates of Parliament ordains everie troupe to consist of 75. Troupers, and every regiment of horse to be made up of 6. troupes at least, and 8. Troups at most, sicklike every companie of foot to consist of 126 soldiers, and every regiment of foot to be made up of 8. companies, And likewise they ordaine the present standing troupes be recruited and made up to the number of 75. in every troupe out of the number of horses to be now levyed forth of the severall shires *respective*, and these recruits not to be brought forth of the shires til there be a necessitie of bringing forth the new levy foresaid, according to this present Act, And sicklike that these recruits be dismissed with the new Leavie, when the same shall be dismissed; And farther, the saids Estates of Parliament declare they will nominate and appoint the officers of regiments, troupes and companies from a Colonell to a Captain inclusive without prejudice to the Committees of shires in time coming anent any power whatsoever granted to them for nomination of their own rootmasters conforme to any preceeding acts of levie, and do give power and warrant to the Committees of War of the severall shires with advise of the Collonels *respective*, according to their severall divisions if they be present to nominat and appoint the officers inferior to a Captain, and to the Magistrates and Counsels of Burghes, to

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make choise of their officers under the degree of a Captain according to the proportions to be put forth by them, Providing alwayes they make choise of such as are fit for the service, and are qualified as is exprest in the 26. Act seventeenth of *February*, 1649. which ordains that such as are malignant and disaffected to the present work of reformation, and Covenants, and against whom there is just cause of Exception or just ground of jealousie because of their disaffection, or any person givento Drunkennes, Swearing, Uncleanes, or any other Scandalous offence, Be not made choise of, but on-lyable men, and such who are of known affection unto, & approved fidelitie and integritie in the cause of God, & of a blameles and Christian Conversation. And ordaines the saids Committees of Warr and Counsell of Burghes, after they have made choise of their under officers, to return a roll of their names to the Committee appointed for purging the armie, before the day of their rendezvows. And gives power to the Committees of War and Counsell of Burghs within their severall Jurisdic-tions *respective*, To devide and lay on proportionally the horse according to the maintenance upon the severall heritors and others lyable in putting forth the same; And It is declared That the greatest rent of these to be joyned for making up one horse shall provide the horse, And the rest that joyne, to contribute according to one hundereth and threescore pounds for ilk horse and man, With power also to the Committees of Warr of the severall Shires *respective*, to set prices upon horses fit for the service, And to take them as they shall find neces-sarie for the good of the same. And Sicklyke appoints the heritors and others lyable in putting forth horse and

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Foot to bring them to the Rendezvous well mounted and armed under the paine of 200. merks for ilk horse & man, and 100. Merks for ilk Footman. To be payed by the heritors & others failing to bring sufficient horse, men and armes *respective* to the rendezvous as said is, To be exacted by the select persons nominate in the severall Shyres for viewing of the horse and armes; And this penaltie to be exacted by and attour the putting forth of the horse, men and armes as is afforesaid; And incase of their return from the Rendezvous, appoints the Committees of War of the severall Shyrs to take the particular heritors and others lyable in putting forth Horse and Foot obliged for having them in readinesse within 24. houres after advertisement from the Parliament or Committee of Estates, under the paine afforesaid, And appoints the counsels of Burghs to take the out-putters within burghs, obliged in the likemanner under the same paine. And further the saids Estates upon consideration of the great abuses in former levies committed by officers in taking of mony from the heritors & others afforesaid who are lyable in putting forth of horse-men and foot in place of their said men, Declare That whatsoever officer shall be found to have done so, shall not only be cashiered from his charge, but also branded with ane mark of infamie and disgrace, and shal be obliged to repay the quadruple, & to be imprisoned ay and while he pay the same, Excepting such officers who are to Levie their horsemen in the Shyres beyond *Spey*, who are hereby permitted to take 200. pounds for every horse and man, or the man well mounted in the option of the outputter; Providing The said Officers make up their number of good sufficient able horse and men at the day

day of Rendezvows appointed for the said Shyres beyond *Spey*, as said is. And the saids Estates of Parliament doe give power to the saids Committees of War in the several Shyres of this Kingdome with advice of the Colonells To doe all things conform to the former acts of Levies as they shall find necessary for the more speedy and effectuell raising and having in readines at the Rendezvous, the Horse and foot abovementioned, And appoints the saids Committees, after the receipt of this act, to sit continually & every day till they execute the same, And return immediatly an accompt of their deligence to the Parliament or Committee of Estates, With power to them to fine those of their number who shall be absent in 20. Merks Scots for every dayes absence.

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